ABSTRACT

The present invention provides an oral preventive or therapeutic agent for skin damage, containing diacylglyceryl ether as an active ingredient represented by the formula (I):

$$H_{2}C$$
— O — R^{1}
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 R^{2} — O — CH
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 $H_{2}C$ — O — R^{3}

wherein R^1 denotes C_{12-24} aliphatic hydrocarbon group having a degree of unsaturation of between 0 and 2; R^2 denotes C_{12-24} acyl group having a degree of unsaturation of between 0 and 6; and R^3 denotes C_{12-24} acyl group having a degree of unsaturation of between 0 and 6.